

## **Metal/Wood Bat Connection Assembly**

### ***Abstract***

A bat is disclosed having a metal handle portion with a knob end and a barrel receiving end, a wood barrel portion with a hitting portion and a fitting portion, and a connection assembly for joining the wood barrel portion with the metal handle portion, the connection assembly having optionally three components: an exterior sleeve, an interior sleeve, and/or a locking or roll pin. The interior sleeve is positioned over a fitting portion of the wood barrel portion prior to the fitting portion being inserted and pressure fit within a barrel receiving end of the metal handle portion. A hole is drilled through the barrel receiving end and the fitting portion of the wood barrel portion, wherein a locking or roll pin is inserted through and secured in the hole to lock the metal handle portion with the wood barrel portion. Once the two portions of the bat are joined, an exterior sleeve is used to smooth the seam between the metal handle portion and the wood barrel portion.